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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS NEW YORK CITY - ETHIOPIA

1. APPROXIMATELY 125 SUPPORTERS OF ERITREAN LIBERATION FORCES PICKETED IN NEW YORK CITY FROM 11:30 AM UNTIL 3:45 PM, FEB 7. PICKETING TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE 866 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, LOCATION OF ETHIOPIAN MISSION AND CONSULATE GENERAL; AT US MISSION, 45TH ST AND 1ST AVE, AND ACROSS FROM MAIN ENTRANCE TO UNITED NATIONS, 43RD ST AND 1ST AVE. DEMONSTRATIONS WERE PEACEFUL. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO ARRESTS. NEW YORK CITY POLICE ACCOMPAINED DEMONSTRATORS TO THE THREE SITES AND EACH MOVE WAS CARRIED OUT IN AN ORDERLY FASHION.

2. ACCORDING TO FBI, PARTICIPANTS IN DEMONSTRATIONS WERE LARGELY ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS, SOME OF WHOM CAME FROM MASSACHUSETTS, OTHERS FROM CONNECTICUT AND NEW JERSEY. PICKETS CARRIED SIGNS DENOUNCING ETHIOPIAN JUNTA. OTHER SIGNS DENOUNCED "IMPERIALISTS" US AND "ZIONIST" ISRAEL SUPPORT FOR JUNTA AGAINST ERITREAN PEOPLES' STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION.

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3. DURING DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE ETHIOPIAN MISSION, ATTEMPTS WERE MADE BY ONE OR TWO DEMONSTRATORS TO MAKE THEIR WAY TO 5TH FLOOR. THEY WERE TOLD BY BUILDING MANAGEMENT THAT ETHIOPIAN MISSION AND CONSULATE WERE CLOSED. EPS COVERAGE IS IN EFFECT ON 5TH FLOOR AT ENTRANCE TO MISSION AND CONSULATE OFFICES.

4. IN RESPONSE TO INFOR OBTAINED BY FBI FROM THEIR BOSTON OFFICE CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ETHIOPIAN MISSION OR SOME OF ITS PERSONNEL, NEW YORK POLICE AGREED GIVE "SPECIAL ATTENTION" FOR A PERIOD OF ONE WEEK TO RESIDENCES OF DEPUTY PERMREP TADESSE AND ACTING CONSUL GENERAL SOLOMON.

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